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RESOLUTION

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On 8/7, Polcouns discussed reftel points with Amb. Mario Sandoval, the MFA's Under Secretary for Multilateral Affairs. Sandoval, who had already received a copy of the draft UNSC resolution on Lebanon from Paraguay's Mission to the UN in New York, was skeptical about prospects the resolution would be adopted 8/8 given ongoing hostilities and his understanding Russia would have objections. Paraguay believes the key is to obtain a cease-fire as a priority first and foremost but Sandoval recognized a durable resolution of the conflict required a more comprehensive approach including addressing Israel's legitimate security concerns.  
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